



Appointments and Briefings

July 18, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**

City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

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1. Citizen's Input Time - Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting. **INVITEES:**

No one signed up to speak at Citizens Input Time.

2. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ANDRE H. FARIA, JR., 20 Branscomb Street, New Bedford, MA 02745, to the COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES, replacing Charles T. Rainville, deceased October 2006, this term will expire April 2009. (Ref'd 5/24/07)

INVITEES: Andre H. Faria, Jr.

3. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JENNY T. FIALHO, 202 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, to serve on the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, replacing Robert Gaumont, who resigned November 10, 2006. This term will expire July 2007. (Ref'd 5/24/07)

INVITEES: Jenny T. Fialho

4. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ANN MARIE LOPES, 12 Mapleview Terrace, New Bedford, MA, as DIRECTOR OF TOURISM AND MARKETING at a salary of Grade M-10, Step 5, \$54,557 per year. (Ref'd 6/28/07)

INVITEES: Ann Marie Lopes

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with New Bedford Economic Development Council Executive Director Matthew Morrissey, and a representative from the Mayor's Office, to explain what transpired that caused Ms. Robin Costa to leave the Economic Development Council after six years of dedicated work on the Council; and further, that the reason for her leaving the Office and what transpired, be addressed at said meeting. (Ref'd 12/21/06)

INVITEES: Matthew Morrissey, Executive Director, NBEDC; Nelson Ostiguy, Rep. Of the Mayor; Angela Natho, Personnel Director; Robin Costa

6. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the State Delegation work with Duval Patrick and those responsible for the State Armory, located at Sycamore and Pleasant Streets, to look into what steps need to be taken for the City to request that the State turn over that building to the City of New Bedford for possible use as a Youth Community Center. (Ref'd 5/24/07)

INVITEES: Rep. From Senator Montigny's Office; State Representative Stephen R. Canessa; Representative of Massachusetts State Property

7. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, asking that the City of New Bedford send a letter, from the City Council, the Administration, and Economic Development, to Google Officials, requesting that

they meet with the Administration to discuss the possibility of locating one of Google's operating sites here in the City of New Bedford, possibly in the Industrial Park. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

INVITEES: Matthew Morrissey, Executive Director, NBEDC; Representative from Google

8. Written Motion, Councillors Pina & Morad, requesting, on behalf of business owners on William Street, specifically Cameo Beauty Salon on 75 William Street, that they be allowed to address the City Council on the issue of parking; and further, requesting that Rule 40 be waived due to the time constraint. (Ref'd 5/24/07)

INVITEES: Donna Motta, Executive Director, Downtown New Bedford Inc.; PePe Konstantopoulos, Cameo Beauty Salon Owner

9. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting once more, as this petitioner did in the 1990's, that the City of New Bedford take immediate action to POST throughout the City and in the City's Public Buildings and Schools, a Mission Statement addressing the issue of Hate Crimes and Discrimination and the Zero Tolerance that the City takes on these issues; further, that this document be signed by the entire City Council, the Mayor, District Attorney, School Committee, and Police Chief firmly showing that they are unified and committed in their support of Zero Tolerance against Hate Crimes or discrimination of any type in the City of New Bedford; and further, that the City Council, Administration, School and Police Departments follow the City's Ordinance relative to the "Bias Crimes", also instituted in the 1990's, and refer all incidents/occurrences/crimes relating to Discrimination, Bias or Hate Crimes to the Police Department, to be referred to the Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, with the information stipulated in the Bias Crime Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article IX, Commission on Human Relations; Section 2-136. (Ref'd 2/9/06, remain in committee 2/12/07)

INVITEES: Representative from the District Attorney's Office; Nelson Ostiguy, Rep. Of the Mayor; School Committee Members: J. Mark Treadup, Esq., Nancy A. Feeney, Ramona C. Silva, Joaquim Nobrega, Eric Pope, Dr. John J. Fletcher; Ron E. Teachman, Police Chief

Chairman suggests "Receive and Place on File" and take "No Further Action" on the following matter:

10. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, asking that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the Principals of the Clarks Cove Development Company, the Chairman, Co-Chairpersons & Representatives of the Portuguese Cultural Center Committee and the Administration to review and discuss the practices, procedures and criteria used to evaluate the past two submissions by said Company received by the City of New Bedford, and to discuss why the two proposals submitted by the Clarks Cove Development Company (the only developer to respond twice) to use the former Goodyear site was denied, in light of the fact the full City Council had previously voted and expressed our interest and support for the site, and the Developers' commitment to provide a Certification at the time of the sale the property that would meet all criteria as outlined in the RFP, and that the sale could/would be contingent upon the removal of the AUL (Activity and Use Limitation) on the property to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 1/25/07, send letters to EDC & Administration for plans on this project – 3/12/07)
- 10a. Communication, Gary S. Moran, MA Regional Director, Southeast Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Protection, to Councillor Denis Lawrence, Jr., in response to a letter from the Committee, requesting a summary of the current site conditions at the Former Goodyear Tire site, 545 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA 02744. (Ref'd 5/9/07)

Chairman suggests “No Further Action” on the following item:

11. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, meet with the Administration, to discuss their plans for moving Police Headquarters to the current location of the Council on Aging, as it relates to the parking of cruisers.
(Ref'd 4/12/07)